

ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAM

(1) Performance Measure Tracking

Performance Measure	R I	R U	Actual Results	Est. Results	YTD Total	Est. YTD Total
Maintain disease-free classifications for: Bovine Brucellosis Bovine Tuberculosis Swine Brucellosis Swine Pseudorabies S. pullorum-typhoid	Q	%	100% for all categories	100%	100%	100%
Response readiness for animal health emergencies and disasters	Q	%	>65%	100%	>65%	>65%

(2) Process Improvements/Status Reports

The US-Canadian border is still closed to live ruminants because of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE or "mad cow disease"). Certain Canadian animal products are being imported into the US through USDA's permitting process.

(3) Activities Narrative

County fairs education continues throughout the state. Melissa Aardal was hired temporarily to travel to many of the fairs both in eastern and western Washington to set up a display with pictures and literature covering many diseases like Exotic Newcastle Disease, West Nile Virus, Classical Swine Fever, Garbage Feeding to Swine, Avian Influenza, Scrapie in sheep and the ID program for sheep with USDA, BSE, etc. The information was well received by the public and producers that attended the fairs.

Tamme Hirtzel met with Custom Border Patrol in Seattle regarding foreign garbage disposal. There is a contract to ship Hawaii garbage to landfills in Washington State.

Animal Health Program staff held a meeting at Dr. Richard Vetter's residence to discuss future issues that included the need for more enforcement capabilities, reorganization plans, budget, salaries, Johne's Disease Project, tabletop exercises for the future, emergency preparedness, veterinary reserve corps, on-going cooperative agreements, temporary assignment for field staff filling in for the state veterinarian and input on the qualifications for the state veterinarian position.

On September 9, 2004 WSDA staff held a meeting regarding enforcement issues and changing the law to include either civil penalties or civil infractions under the Animal Health Program. Mary Beth Lang, Claudia Coles, Kathy Kravit-Smith, Dr. Peter Tran, Dr. Dan Jemelka, Dr. Jeff Howlett, Kerrie Pfalzgraf and Kristen Mitchell and Jerri Thomas from the AAG's office were in attendance.

Tamme Hirtzel met with sheep producers/exhibitors at various fairs and discussed WSDA/USDA cooperative agreement and Genotype testing under the program.

On September 4, 2004 interviews were held for the State Veterinarian position. Dr. Leonard Eldridge was offered the position and he accepted. His first day of work will be October 11, 2004.

On September 15, 2004 Dr. Linda Carpenter held a meeting with the poultry industries to get input on the project she is working on for a contingency plan for an emergency response to an AI outbreak or any disease outbreak that could occur in Washington State.

Many of the USDA grants expired on September 23, 2004. The grants allowed animal health to purchase additional VETT equipment for use as first responders in the event of an animal disease emergency. Another cargo trailer was purchased as well as supplies to stock the trailer that included tyvek coveralls, disinfectant, gloves, backpack sprayers for dispersing disinfectant on equipment/cars, buckets, bolt cutters, rain gear, etc. A ten-foot trailer with a motor and a heavy-duty sprayer for disinfecting large areas was also purchased.

FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM

(1) Performance Measure Tracking

Performance Measure	R I	R U	Actual Results	Est. Results/ Target	YTD Total	Est. YTD Total/Results Target
% of all food processors maintained in substantial compliance with GMPs, laws, and regulations.	M	%	98% M (9/1/04-9/30/04)	95% M (9/1/04-9/30/04)	95% YTD (7/1/04-9/30/04)	95% (7/1/04-9/30/04)
% of formal corrective actions issued to non-compliant firms.	M	%	100% (9/1/04-9/30/04)	100% (9/1/04-9/30/04)	100% (7/1/04-9/30/04)	100% (7/1/04-9/30/04)
% of TA visits per no. of TA requests received.	Q	%	100% QTD 354 Hrs (7/1/04-9/30/04)	100% QTD 300 Hrs (7/1/04-9/30/04)	100% YTD 354 Hrs (7/1/04-9/30/04)	100% 300 Hrs (7/1/04-9/30/04)
Hours spent on TA activities for FSP.	Q	Hrs				
Percentage of seafood operations Inspected with HACCP system procedures.	Q	%	1.3% QTD (7/1/04-9/30/04)	25 % QTD (7/1/04-9/30/04)	1.3% YTD (7/1/04-9/30/04)	25 % YTD (7/1/04-9/30/04)
% of IMS regulatory survey enforcement scores at overall passing level.	Q	%	100% QTD (7/1/04-9/30/04)	100% QTD (7/1/04-9/30/04)	100% YTD (7/1/04-9/30/04)	100% YTD (7/1/04-9/30/04)
EGG PROGRAM			YTD % of Compliance	Insp. ct	YTD No. Insp.	YTD/EST No. Insp.
% Compliance with egg grading facility requirements (score 90 or above).	Q	%	95.0% YTD (7/1/03-12/31/03)	0 Q (10/1/03-12/31/03)	19 YTD (7/1/03-12/31/03)	35 YTD (6/30/04)
% Compliance with WA State/US Standards for shell eggs.	Q	%	98.55% YTD (7/1/03-12/31/03)	70 Q (10/1/03-12/31/03)	636 YTD (7/1/03-12/31/03)	800 YTD (6/30/04)
% of	Q	%	100 Y	1 Q (10/1/03-12/31/03)	3 YTD	6-8 YTD

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(2) Process Improvements/Status Reports

User Interface Design Committee

Food Safety Program staff along with other division staff have continued to meet with Brewer Consulting to discuss project goals and what will happen in the next phases.

(3) Activities Narrative

FDA Contract Negotiations

On September 9, Scott Fox and Jim Pressley met with FDA staff Miriam Burbach, Janelle Martin, and Chris Rezendez to negotiate the selection of 700 firms that FDA will pay Food Safety to conduct inspections on and submit paper work to FDA. These inspections are to be completed during the next contract year from September 30, 2004 to September 29, 2005.

Food Safety Management Team Meeting

On September 12, the Food Safety Management Team met in San Diego, California, while attending the Western Association of Food and Drug Officials (WAFDO) annual educational conference.

Western Association of Food and Drug Officials (WAFDO) Annual Educational Conference

Food Safety management team attended the WAFDO Educational Conference in San Diego, California, September 13 – 15, 2004. In 1985, WAFDO began the tradition of honoring one of their members each year for their professional leadership contributions to regulatory service with the Orlen J. Wiemann Award. This is the highest award given by WAFDO and is named after the first recipient of the award. Our own Linda Condon was the recipient of this award for her dedication and contribution to regulatory and the organization. It should be noted too, that Linda is the first woman to receive this award. Congratulations Linda on your outstanding service and receiving such a prestigious ward.

NFPA Food Labeling Workshop

Linda Condon and Jim Pressley attended the nutritional food labeling workshop sponsored by National Food Processors Association (NFPA) held in Seattle on September 21 and 22.

Dynamic Facilitation Training

Scott Fox and Michelle Lucero attended the Dynamic Facilitation Training in Port Townsend, September 20-23rd. This four-day training concentrated on a new way to facilitate meetings that encourages creative thinking and establishes a new and thoughtful conversation about the issues. The training was offered at special rate for Agriculture employees and will be offered again in November.

Washington Association of Food Protection (WAFP)

Scott Fox, Edwin Ojukwu, Jeff Freshley, Ken Knittle, Miguel Taningco, Nancy Byers, and Deanna Fales attended the WAFP Conference in Chelan September 30 – October 1, 2004.

Continued *Salmonella enteritidis* (SE) Investigation Follow-up

Arrangements for mandatory hen house clean-up inspection between flocks continued during September.

The procedure for cleaning the depopulated house # 8 was the same as followed the last depopulation of house # 3. The flock for House # 8 was moved for processing at Starkel Poultry, Inc., Puyallup, WA. and the clean up inspection took place on September 29, 2004.

Adhering to specific clean-up and sanitizing procedures is essential to break the cycle of disease and to contribute to the health of the newly populated flock.

House # 8 is the last of the original positive houses for salmonella enteritidis linked to illness. All eggs were either diverted to pasteurization during the lives of the implicated flocks or subjected to egg testing to assure the egg supply remained free of SE.

Avian Influenza (AI)

WSDA Food Safety Inspectors are continuing to take extra biosecurity precautions to prevent the possibility of spreading poultry disease as it conducts Salmonella investigations/follow-up, USDA Surveillance, and other work involving visits to processing plants with production nearby or to production facilities where hens are housed.

USDA/WSDA Egg Surveillance

Shell Egg Surveillance inspections are completed as planned for the 4th quarter July, August, and September of fiscal year 2004.

Supervisory review by the USDA Federal State Supervisor took place during the weeks of August 23 & 30, 2004. Food Safety program personnel underwent comparative grading to demonstrate that egg grades are being judged appropriately and that their inspections related to performing the program for USDA under cooperative agreement are covering the requirements of the US Egg Products Inspection Act fully. Feedback from the USDA Federal State Supervisor indicates that the reviews demonstrated the inspector's ability to conduct the inspections appropriately.

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

(1) Performance Measure Tracking

Performance Measures	R I	R U	Actual	Est.	PTD	YTD/Est.
The percentage of brand applications processed within 10 days of receipt	M	%	NA	90%		90%
The percentage of Impounds reconciled in the field within 30 days from issue	Q	%	95%	90%	91.8%	90%
Number of educational/enforcement activities conducted per quarter	Q	#	8	10	5	10
Percentage of warning notices issued for documented violations	Q	%	100%	90%	99.2%	90%

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(2) Process Improvements/Status Reports

- Brands renewed / recorded through September – 6217
- New computer equipment continues to be distributed to LID field staff. Formal training will be scheduled for those who have limited computer experience.
- Work on the P&P charter team project continued in September. A first draft was mailed to all team members for review
- Work continues on the organization of the LID safety committee
- Leslie and Kris met with Patty Brumbaugh, Washington Beef Commission, to review the current collection process.
- Kris Budde was the acting Assistant Program manager during September as Leslie Alexander took annual leave.
- Longtime employee Nam Faulder returned September 1st from an extended period of leave.
- The fall fair season has begun and WSDA processed numerous special sale requests for 4H and FFA market stock sales.

(3) Activities Narrative

Assistant Manager Activities

Worked in the Olympia office the 1st-3rd. While there I:

- Met with office staff to discuss workload and reassign duties.
- Met with Taletha Walker to review travel voucher issues.
- Met with Kathy Kravit-Smith and Dannie McQueen to discuss open consignment horse sales.
- Met with Kathy Kravit Smith to discuss program issues.
- Worked on Charter Team Project.
- Wrote and distributed program newsletter to staff.
- Performed livestock inspections in the field.

- Took 112 hours of annual leave during September.

Supervisor Budde Activities

- Was acting assistant program manager for most of the month. Supervised all field staff and addressed program issues.
- Worked in the Olympia office from the 1st to the 3rd. Attended several meetings.
- Attended a meeting in Seattle with Beef Commission with Leslie Alexander.
- Traveled to Goldendale and met with representatives from DNR and the Klickitat Co. Sheriffs Office to discuss impound procedures for stray/at large livestock.
- Assisted staff at the Davenport and Toppenish livestock sales and conducted inspections in the field.
- Met with Chris Spaulding and Nora Mena at the Toppenish Livestock Market and gave them a tour of the facility. As this was a sale day Chris and Nora were able to observe the LID staff in action and gain an understanding of the inspection process.
- Performed inspection checks of out of state livestock exhibiting at the Spokane Interstate Fair and issued inspections for returning animals.
- Issued warning notices for the following violations:
- RCW 16.57.260 (Leaving the state without an inspection) – 3
- RCW 16.57.160 (Selling cattle without an inspection) – 12
- RCW 16.57.050 (Using a non recorded brand) - 1

Investigator Activities

Current Active cases include:

- 4 cases of livestock theft / horse
- 2 cases of livestock theft / cattle
- 2 case of livestock leaving the state without inspection (cattle and horse)
- Forged document
- 1 case of interference with an inspector during the course of duties.
- 2 cases of transporting livestock out of state without inspection
- Using a non recorded brand
- Impersonation of a livestock inspector

Other activities for the month include:

- Traveled to Scappoose, OR to inspect cattle that had been sold without inspection.
- Assist Montana livestock inspector recover horses located in the Ford area.
- Worked the sale at the Toppenish Livestock Market to cover for injured employee
- Met with DNR and Klickitat Co SO to discuss impound procedures for stray / at large livestock.

LIVESTOCK NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

(1) Performance Measure Tracking

LNMP Inspections

Activity	'04 Fiscal Year	'05 1 st Qtr.	'05 Sept
Inspections	79	70	34
Follow up	4	6	4
Investigations	2	2	1
CAFO	3	1	1
TOTAL	88	79	40
Joint EPA Inspections	10		

LNMP Compliance

Action	Year to Date	Qtr.	Sept
Penalties: lack of certification		14	14
NOVs	6		
Admin. Orders	5		
Environmental Penalties			
Warning letters	6	2	2

Dairy Statistics

	Sept
Current Dairies	593
New Dairies	1
Out of Business Dairies	6

Dairy Plan Approve and Certification Activity

	Year to Date	Sept
Extensions granted	35	
Extensions denied	5	
Producers out of compliance		18

Presentations, meetings and education activity for Laurie Crose, Ginny Prest, Jeff Canaan, and Kirk Robinson

	Year to Date	Qtr.	Sept
Producer Group Presentations		1	1
Stakeholder Group Presentations			
Program Meetings	15		4
Producer Group Meetings	1		1
Stakeholder Group Meetings (Includes DOC)	18		15

(2) Process Improvement/Status Report

- Staff facilitated meeting of Whatcom Co. stakeholders regarding improved coordination and future expectations to continue and improve Portage Bay shellfish and Nooksack TMDL successes. Canaan and Robinson
- Staff met with Ecology staff in the Eastern and Northwest regional offices to coordinate on TMDLs with livestock issues in the Stilliguamish and Colville TMDL areas. Canaan and Prest
- Set-up all staff meeting to review and discuss with Kristen Mitchell, our AAG, enforcement tools and procedures for the program. Robinson
- Met with Ecology and EPA regarding the status of program development and delegation issues. Mena
- Worked on the development of electronic inspection forms, including incorporation of producer signature and photographic documentation in the e-forms. Canaan
- Working with WSU and CDs to identify issues relating to poor nutrient management plan record keeping and develop materials and training for producers to improve their capabilities. Intended to help producers make a better connection between soil and manure testing and land application. Prest

(3) Activities Narrative

CAFO Permit

Multiple meetings regarding elements of the permit with the major focus on accountability and oversight that tie to public disclosure, monitoring and data reporting. Meetings included the DOC, NWIFC WQ Committee, Bruce Wishart with People for Puget Sound, industry representatives and Ecology's upper management. Mena, Robinson

CAFO Legislation

Changes were made to draft legislation based on discussions with the Director, the DOC, industry and the AAGs with the result that the AAGs will develop a new draft. Key concerns relate to meeting federal minimums that are exceeded by certain state rules, incorporating adequate elements to meet delegation needs and creating a package that can be successfully negotiated through the legislature. Mena

Program Activities

- Developed and documented the weekly September goals for Red River Dairy (Aron Hovander). Coordinated with ECY on Hovander and the development of testing sites/protocol. Discussed a coordinated testing effort with Andy Ross at Lummi Nation Natural Resources to monitor discharges from Hovander site. This dairy faces enforcement action in October. Canaan
- Worked with state, county and local agencies regarding improved ditch management of the Double Ditch to improve water quality. Flooding from the ditch has affected adjacent dairies. Canaan
- Participated in discussions with NRCS regarding changes to the national practice standard for lagoons and how the state standard should be adjusted for consistency. Prest, Mena
- Working with Ecology's new permit staff on how to coordinate our inspection activities and procedures with him. Robinson
- Maintained current data entry for inspections and compliance. Crose
- Prepared mailing for dairy registration. Crose
- Organized and attended DOC meeting on legislation and permit issues. Crose, Robinson, Mena

- Continued involvement in UDD Steering Committee. Crose
- Exceeded site inspection numbers for month. Prest, Canaan, Robinson

Tours and Training

- Participated in a dairy inspection and attended a shellfish farm tour. Crose
- Toured WA Beef facility and Toppenish Sale yard. Mena
- Filled in as Acting AD for a week. Mena

MICROBIOLOGY PROGRAM

(1) Performance Measure Tracking

Report for the Month of September 2004, State FY 2005

This is the third report for Fiscal Year 2005, July 2004 through June 2005.

Performance Measure	R I	R U	Monthly Actual	Est.	YTD	YTD/ Est.
<i>Animal Health:</i> Conduct 90% of the Brucellosis serology testing within one working day of receipt of specimen except Brucellosis CF which will be done within five working days.	M	% ct	100% --1,177 out of 1,177 completed within 1/5 working days.	90%	100% --4038 out of 4,038 completed within 1/5 working days.	90%
<i>Food Microbiology:</i> Complete 80% of food testing for pH and water activity or the 3 major pathogens (<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> , <i>Salmonella sp.</i> , <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7) where "no pathogens found" within five working days of set-up.	M	% ct	100% --50 out of 50 tests completed within 5 working days	80%	99.1% --171 out of 172 tests completed within 5 working days.	80%

(2) Process Improvement Status Report

Status of Charter Team Process Improvement. The process improvement on laboratory space was started in March 2004. The first meeting was held on March 30, 2004. The charter was drafted this month. Driving this process improvement is our need to make room for a PCR unit and related activities. The unit was purchased in June. We met a second time on August 4, 2004 to continue our discussion on laboratory space. During the meeting we discussed eight problem statements. We used the MDP memo and advice from our consultant, Lloyd Lauerman to point the group toward solutions. We listed all of our additional concerns and questions and invited the MDP laboratory expert to attend our next meeting in October via conference call. We hope to finish our work at this meeting and present our findings to laboratory management soon after, so that plans can be finalized on reorganizing lab space.

Status of "Work Process Analysis": The division is continuing work on the UDDER project that started in April 2004. Diane is the division management representative on the project management committee. The project management committee has been meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the morning. The project will be based on the organization documents (contract, charter, vision and work plan) that were finalized in June 2004. The steering committee meets the fourth Thursday of the month with meetings scheduled through the end of the year. The separate project for the Livestock Identification Program changed vendor management and new documents were drafted in July. Diane assisted the Livestock Identification Program with their strategic plan for IT. The UDDER contractors gave a demonstration on the Dairy plant solution the end of September. The Food Safety Officer representatives as well as lab, administrative and management staff attended the presentation. Unfortunately the demonstration was a little premature and before another one is presented, the kinks will be smoothed out. The dairy plant solution is due the middle of October.

3) Activities Narrative

The Dairy Microbiology section received the annual Dairy Proficiency Test samples from FDA during the second week of September. Results have been tabulated and sent in for scoring.

The Animal Health section completed the Pseudorabies Virus Proficiency Test Samples and sent the results in to NVSL for scoring.

The Microbiological Data Program held a weeklong laboratory training session in Tallahassee, Florida. The objectives were to provide hands-on training on current procedures, trouble-shoot, provide theoretical basis for the detection techniques, and provide training on new techniques. Luckily the training occurred between Hurricanes Frances and Ivan, so everything went according to plan. Gary Husby and Crystal Verellen attended.

The Real-Time PCR Smart Cycler has been set up and a couple test runs have been performed. Although the process conditions are not ideal (separate areas designated for sample prep), the lab staff can get some hands-on time with the analyzer. However, this will probably wait until our consultant, Lloyd Lauerman returns October 1, from a one-month trip out of the country. The QA Officer reorganized a charter team to answer basic questions on finding "clean" space for the PCR analysis. The team will meet again October 6, 2004 to answer these questions: 1) what are the physical requirements for a "clean room" and 2) where should the "clean room" be located in the laboratory. (See "Status of Charter Team Process Improvement" section above).

Animal Health section meetings are on hold pending Susan and Diane's return from leave. We plan to start the meetings again in October.

The laboratory staff chose Vita Weaver as its representative for the Cleveland Building Safety Committee and the first meeting was held in early September. Minutes from the meeting were distributed to all staff. A certified paramedic delivered defibrillator training for the Cleveland building employees in September.

Diane attended the annual WAFDO meeting in San Diego the middle of September.

Diane attended an Emergency Preparedness Meeting with the Department of Health on September 22, 2004. The DOH staff expressed an interest in meeting the new State Veterinarian so that they can develop good working relationships and cross-agency communications with WSDA.

Diane was given extra duties related to expenditure projection and purchase coordination for the division in May. Diane continued in this role in September checking the final June division expenditures and August expenditures. She plans to meet with Livestock Identification staff in mid October to discuss the financial situation in that program.

ORGANIC FOOD PROGRAM

(1) Performance Measure Tracking

Performance Measure	R I	R U	Actual Results for Month	Est. Results/ Target	YTD Total	Est. YTD Total/Results Target
Surveillance Inspections conducted	M	#	1	4	21	32
Inspection reports responded to within 45 days of inspection	M	% #	83% 127 of 153	95%	73% 479 of 654	95%
Samples collected with no detected pesticide residues	M	% #	3	80%	88% 21 of 24	80%

RI = Reporting Increments RU = Reporting Unit

M = month (September 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004)

YTD = Year to date (January 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004)

(2) Process Improvements / Status Reports

Nothing to report.

(3) Activities Narrative

Organic Networking Summit on Skagit Bay

The International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) held an Organic Networking Summit on September 17 at the Skagit Bay Inn. The theme of the event was ***Evolution of Organic Organizations in a Changing World***. As the organic sector has matured over the last 30 years, all effective organizations have experienced the need to evolve in accordance with the changing political, social and economic environment. This event provided an opportunity to hear from organizations that have addressed this challenge, and to learn from their models and experiences. Miles McEvoy was one of the keynote speakers and gave a short case study on the evolution of the WSDA Organic Food Program. Much of the afternoon was available for informal networking with organic leaders from the USA, Canada and around the world.

Internal Audit

Each year the WSDA Organic Food Program conducts an internal audit to improve the quality of the program. The internal audit reviews all procedures to verify that the quality system is implemented and is effective. Internal audits are required components of the program's ISO Guide 65 accreditation and IFOAM accreditation programs. The internal review of the inspections and inspection reports has been completed. The final report will be completed next month prior to the Organic Advisory Board meeting.

Material Registration

The 2005 material registration packets were sent out for over 300 products approved for use in organic production or handling. The Brand Name Materials List (BNML) is posted on the WSDA website and mailed to all certified organic producers, processors, and handlers certified by the WSDA. Updates are published every three months in the Quarterly Report. The BNML assists

organic producers, processors and handlers in determining materials approved for use in organic production, processing and handling.